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1. AFTER PRESENTATION MY CREDENTIALS THIS MORNING, JULY 19, PRESIDENT NIMEIRI (WHO HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY INFORMED THAT I HAD A SUBSTANTIVE MATTER I WISHED TO DISCUSS WITH HIM) DREW ME ASIDE FOR PERSONAL CONVERSATION. MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS DENG AND MINISTER FOR THE PRESIDENCY, DR. BAHÀ AL DIN MUHAMMED IDRIS, WERE ALSO PRESENT BUT THEY DID NOT PARTICIPATE. I INFORMED PRESIDENT THE USG WAS PREPARED IN PRINCIPLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO SUDAN'S LEGITIMATE DEFENSIVE NEEDS AND THAT WE WERE PREPARED TO SEND A SURVEY TEAM TO RECOMMEND AN APPROPRIATE US CONTRIBUTION. I ALSO TOLD HIM THAT WE HOPED TO IMPLEMENT OTHER ACTIONS TO STRENGTHEN OUR RELATIONS AND THAT WE WOULD BE CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE SAUDIS AND OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES.

2. PRESIDENT WAS MOST PLEASED TO HEAR THIS NEWS.
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HE URGED THAT TEAM BE SENT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH TEAM PERSONALLY BEFORE TURNING IT OVER TO APPROPRIATE SUDANGOV CIVILIAN AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES. HE LIKE THE IDEA THAT IT WOULD BE A JOINT STATE-DEFENSE TEAM. PRESIDENT WENT OVER FAMILIAR GROUND OF LONG-TERM THREAT POSED TO SUDAN BY SOVIETS AND THOSE OF THEIR

CLIENTS CLOSE TO SUDAN. HE POINTED OUT THAT SOVIET OBJECTIVE WAS ULTIMATELY TO DOMINATE AND CONTROL OIL SUPPLY LINE FROM PERSIAN GULF TO THE UNITED STATES. HE SAID THAT SUDAN'S DEFENSE NEEDS WERE MODEST AND HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE NECESSITY OF CAREFUL PREPARATION AND ADEQUATE TRAINING SO THAT SUDAN COULD MAKE BEST POSSIBLE USE OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE SUPPLIED BY FRIENDLY COUNTRIES.

3. PRESIDENT WAS MOST FRIENDLY, ARTICULATE, AND CORDIAL THROUGHOUT CONVERSATION. BERGUS

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